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CHAPTER 1. UNIFORM PROCESS FOR ADOPTION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS (RESERVED)

CHAPTER 2. MAYORDOMOS AND VILLAGES

Section 2-2-1. Purpose.

By virtue of its inherent authority as a sovereign nation and possessed of the powers of local self-government, such inherent sovereignty so vested in the Pueblo of Laguna as recognized and approved by Act of Congress of June 18, 1934, and pursuant to the powers of the Laguna Pueblo Council as enumerated in the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna, Article IV, Section 2 (e) and (f), that this chapter is enacted for the purpose of setting forth the jurisdictional powers and duties, limits and authorities, and the persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Mayordomos of each respective village of the Pueblo.

Section 2-2-2. Statement of Pueblo policy and legislative intent.

It is hereby declared as a matter of Pueblo policy and legislative determination, that the public interests and the interests of the Pueblo and its members and the interests of all persons that either enter onto or are living within the jurisdiction of the Pueblo, and within the boundaries of one (1) of the six (6) villages located on the Reservation, requires the Pueblo to update the Mayordomos and villages chapter in order to accommodate and address the changing needs and situations of each village. It is further recognized and declared by formal consensus of the people and by the Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna, Article VIII, Sections (1) and (2), that the village Mayordomos have been vested with the authority to perform certain customary and traditional duties, and have certain powers and authorities over all residents and nonresidents of the Pueblo. The Pueblo Council has been vested with certain powers to establish certain rules governing the conduct and civil relations of all residents of the Pueblo and providing for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice within the lands of the Pueblo. The following rules, terms and/or conditions contained in this chapter will apply equally to all residents and nonresidents, nonmembers, and non-Indians who are currently residing, or who may in the future, reside on lands of the Pueblo, and will also have equal adherence to by all future and current entities that have been established by the Pueblo, such entities having their principal place of business located on the Reservation.

Section 2-2-3. Definitions.

Affiliation shall mean that a Pueblo member has been affiliated with a particular village through the Pueblo enrollment process, and that nonmembers and other residents have declared their affiliation with a particular village through the customary "presentation" process.

Assessment shall mean the set amount of a fine and/or penalty that this chapter sets for certain categories of work that are missed by any members and which are imposed by the village Mayordomos.

Domicile or *domiciliary village* means a Pueblo member's permanent place of residence or permanent place of affiliation, as compared to current place of residence.

Exempt or *exemption* means the power to excuse, release or free someone from a rule, obligation or condition of public work by the village Mayordomos and/or staff officer.

Members means all males and females that are currently enrolled as Pueblo members, any and all individuals that have been recognized as naturalized members, and all those individuals that may be enrolled as Pueblo members or recognized in the future in accordance with the provisions provided under Article II, Section 1, of the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna.

Nonmembers shall include non-Indians and all other non-Pueblo members, which will include other Native Americans that have any type of contact with the Pueblo and those that may be currently residing on Pueblo Lands.

Possibility of reverter has reference to land assignments and means that the village officials and/or the Pueblo Council can take back an assignment if the assignment is not used for the purpose for which it was granted.

Residence could have a dual meaning depending on the circumstances; it could mean a temporary or permanent place of residing.

Residents means all of those individuals residing upon Pueblo Lands and will include both members and nonmembers.

Village officials means, for purposes of this chapter, the Mayordomos and staff officer of a village.

Section 2-2-4. General provisions.

A. *Village affiliation.* It is recognized that every Pueblo member is connected or affiliated with one (1) of the six (6) villages located on the Reservation. This affiliation with a particular village gets established at the time an individual is enrolled as a Pueblo member through the Pueblo enrollment process. This village affiliation continues on through the life of the Pueblo member, unless the Pueblo member decides that he or she wishes to change his or her village affiliation. The procedure for changing village affiliation set-forth under subsection 2-2-6C. will be followed. Through the mandatory "presentation process" required of all Pueblo members and residents under subsection 2-2-6A., wherein one pledges his or her allegiance to that village and also pledges to fulfill all of the village obligations for the coming year, implicitly confirms that person's affiliation to that village.

B. *Village jurisdiction.* The Mayordomos and village staff officer of their respective villages are vested with certain powers and authorities over all individuals living within their jurisdictional boundaries as well as those that claim affiliation with that village, whether

residing on or off the Reservation. Just because one has claimed his or her affiliation with another village shall not relieve that individual (or his or her family) from the jurisdictional authority of the village officials wherein he or she now resides. In light of this fact, these individuals shall be called upon to assist the village officials when their help is needed, and shall be called upon to cease or desist from any activities that are viewed as a threat to the health, welfare and or safety of other members of the village. If the resolution of any problems and/or disputes cannot be resolved using the provisions of this chapter, then the village officials can rely upon their own customary and traditional practices to come to a resolution.

- (1) With the growth of the on-Reservation population becoming ever more a concern, especially in those cases where land availability to accommodate requests for land assignments within a village proper are becoming more and more scarce, and more members are requesting to settle in other areas of the Reservation; the Pueblo Council will need to look at implementing procedures for the establishment of new villages (e.g., the Rio Puerco area). However, until such procedures are drafted and implemented, any members, nonmembers and residents currently residing in other areas of the Reservation, and which are outside of the established boundaries of one of the current recognized villages, will be required to follow the procedures established herein for declaring village affiliation and comply with all other provisions of this chapter.

C. Retirement from participation. Retirement from employment does not in itself excuse a person from the obligations of participating in ditch cleaning, community work, public work, and from attendance at village meetings. The village officials will exercise their authority and discretion in making a determination as to whether they will excuse a retired person from the above-stated obligations.

D. Applicability of chapter to village officials. The village staff officer, Mayordomos, and other officials are subject to the same obligations and assessments as other members and residents, unless the customs and traditions of a particular village provide otherwise.

E. Residence on Pueblo Lands by nonmembers. In accordance with Article 1, Section 3, of the 1984 Revised Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna, nonmembers, including non-Indians, may be permitted to reside upon the lands of the Pueblo only if they fully comply with the conditions set out under subsection 2-2-5D. of this chapter.

F. Religious affiliation. Nonparticipation or nonobservance of Pueblo traditions, customs or ceremonies, and membership in a different denomination shall not be considered an acceptable reason for nonparticipation in community or public work. The village staff officer and the Mayordomos shall use reasonable precaution to protect the religious freedom of all members and nonmembers.

G. *Domestic and irrigation water.* Members and nonmembers shall not use domestic water for purposes other than as the Mayordomos, village staff officer and Pueblo Council may from time to time permit. Any requests for use of irrigation water for agricultural purposes shall be made to the village Mayordomos for their review and consideration and for scheduling purposes, if approved.

- (1) *Exception.* For those villages whose sole or primary source of water for domestic use, irrigation and agricultural purposes comes from domestic water, those villages will be exempt from this provision, until other sources of water can be identified and developed for irrigation and agricultural purposes.
- (2) *Noncompliance.* Should there be any noncompliance by any members or nonmembers, the Mayordomos shall first give a warning to these individuals that use of domestic water for other than domestic purposes is prohibited. If, after the first warning, an individual is still noncompliant, then that individual shall be given notice that he or she will be assessed a fee for being in noncompliance in accordance with subsection 2-2-5C.(1) herein.

H. *Female participation.* All female members and nonmembers residing on the Pueblo, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be required to participate in village or community work when called upon by the village officials.

Section 2-2-5. Village officials' powers, duties and authorities.

The village officials are vested with the authority to perform certain customary and traditional duties, and have certain powers and authorities over all those individuals, both members and nonmembers, residing within their village jurisdictional boundaries, and such powers and authorities include, but may not be limited to the following:

A. *Call for annual ditch cleaning, community and public work.*

- (1) *Notice.* Village residents shall be informed when community and/or public work and ditch cleaning is to be performed at village meetings, by the village town criers, or other such means as are customary within the respective villages.
- (2) *Participation.* The Mayordomos and the village staff officer may declare community or public work and/or ditch cleaning and have the authority to call upon the following categories of individuals:
 - (a) *Females.* Females (both members and nonmember residents) over the age of eighteen (18) shall be called upon by the Mayordomos, in consultation with the village staff officer, to participate in any village, community and public work when the nature of such work so warrants.
 - (b) *Members under eighteen.* All members and nonmembers under the age of eighteen (18) will be encouraged to participate in the annual ditch cleaning, community or public work, and village meetings.
 - (c) *High school drop-outs under eighteen (18).* High school drop-outs who are under eighteen (18) shall participate in the annual ditch cleaning, commu-

nity and public work and attend village meetings. All females in this same category shall participate in any village or community work when called upon by the Mayordomos, in consultation with the village staff officer, and may attend village meetings if their village of affiliation requires or allows them to do so.

- (d) *Married/emancipated and under eighteen (18).* All other members and nonmembers under the age of eighteen (18) who are legally married, who have been legally emancipated, or who have otherwise established a self-supporting role, and who have not proclaimed their affiliation with any particular village, are also subject to the provisions of this chapter and to the authority of the respective village officials.

(3) *Examples of community work are, but not limited to:*

- (a) Preparation of village for the annual feast day or Pueblo ceremonies;
- (b) Repairs and maintenance of community buildings, churches, kivas, plazas, roads, fences, etc.; and
- (c) Woodhauling.
- (d) The village officials will determine, in consultation with the local church officials, when any repairs or maintenance work will be done to any of the churches within their village jurisdiction.

(4) *Time and duration.*

- (a) *Ditch cleaning.* The Mayordomos of each of the respective villages shall annually call for the cleaning of the community, irrigation ditches by members and nonmembers of the Pueblo. The village Mayordomos will determine the exact dates and times for such cleaning and shall normally be for a period of three (3) days, but may be of a shorter or longer duration, as circumstances or conditions may warrant.
- (b) *Community and public work.* The village Mayordomos or staff officer will determine the nature of the community or public work and the length of such work as circumstances or conditions may warrant.

(5) *Village meetings.* The village staff officer has the authority to convene village meetings on a weekly basis or on a more or less frequent basis as he may deem to be appropriate. The village Mayordomos have the authority to excuse individuals from these meetings.

- (a) *Mandatory attendance.* Attendance at village meetings shall be mandatory for all members and nonmember residents over the age of eighteen (18), if their village of affiliation requires or allows them to so attend.
- (b) *Excused absences.* Persons whose work schedule conflicts with the time of the meeting may be excused from attendance provided he or she has personally presented such a request to the village Mayordomos.

- B. *Powers and authority to excuse certain members and/or residents.* The village officials have the authority to excuse the following categories of persons from active participation in the annual ditch cleaning, and community or public work and attendance at village meetings:
- (1) *Full-time students.* Students must submit proof of enrollment in a full-time course of study, and show that enrollment in such courses will not permit them to attend village meetings or participate in community or public work. Students who reside at the Pueblo and are not attending classes on those days that ditch cleaning or community work is scheduled shall be required to participate.
 - (2) *Active military service.* Persons inducted into or who have been called up for active military duty and who can show that such service will require them to be away from the Pueblo, may be excused. However, persons in the service but residing at the Pueblo and not engaged in military activities shall be required to participate.
 - (3) *Disabled individuals.* The village officials shall require, at the beginning of each year, a doctor's statement that will substantiate a person's claim that they are physically and/or mentally incapable of performing any type of physical labor.
 - (4) *All other persons.* The village Mayordomos may annually excuse all other persons upon the presentation of sufficient information justifying their request for wanting to be excused, and such information and/or reasons are found to be legitimate. A written record shall be kept of the name and reason of the person excused.
- C. *Power and authority to impose/collect assessments.* Article IV, Section 2, of the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna provides that assessments may be imposed upon the residents and members of the Pueblo. The authority to impose such assessments lies with the Pueblo Council and the authority to enforce and collect such assessments lies with the village Mayordomos.
- (1) *Schedule of assessments.* The following shall constitute the schedule of assessments:
 - (a) *Ditch cleaning:* Five dollars (\$5.00) per day. The collection of these assessments will take place prior to the expiration of the year when such assessments were incurred, or at any other time during the year as the Mayordomos deem appropriate. All members and nonmembers are subject to this assessment.
 - (b) *Community and public work:* Three dollars (\$3.00) per day. These assessments may be payable within two (2) weeks following completion of community work. All members and nonmembers are subject to this assessment.
 - (c) *Village meetings.* One dollar (\$1.00) per meeting if a person did not obtain a prior excuse from the Mayordomos. Assessments may be collected at the end of each quarter.

- (d) *Domestic and irrigation water use.* Any individuals found to be in noncompliance with subsection 2-2-4G., will be assessed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per incident. These assessments may be collected at the end of the year.
- (2) *Assessments and/or fees for vendors.* The Mayordomos, in consultation with the village staff officer, will set the fees for all those vendors that may want to sell their wares and/or goods to individual members of the village. If any of these vendors are in the business of selling products and/or services (i.e., satellite dishes), then a stipulated agreement may be entered into between the vendor and the Mayordomos and village staff officer, such agreement setting forth in detail when, where and how these vendors may conduct business, the cost for doing business, the conditions under which the agreement may be terminated, and whose law will apply in case of any disputes. The collection of any fees for doing business within the jurisdictional boundaries of a village will be by the person so designated by the village for collection of such fees.
- (3) *Payment of all assessments.*
 - (a) The payment of all assessments will take place prior to the expiration of the year when such assessments were incurred. All members, nonmembers and residents that are subject to the provisions on assessments will be required to pay all assessments incurred.
 - (b) The payment in full of all assessments will not automatically grant a person "in good standing" status, nor will the payment of such assessments "exempt" an individual, member or nonmember, from continuing to actively participate in all required village or pueblo obligations and/or work that may be called.
- (4) *Collection of assessments.* The village officials have the authority to collect all assessments imposed and they can do so in the following manner:
 - (a) *Members.* The Mayordomos can "encumber" the per capita distribution check of any Pueblo member that does not pay his or her assessments in accordance with Article X, Section 5(e) of the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna.
 - (b) *Nonmembers.* The Mayordomos can file a civil action with the Pueblo Court to collect all outstanding assessments that have been issued against any nonmembers or other residents. Article I, Sections 3 and 4, of the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna, states that all other persons, including nonmembers, that are permitted to reside on Pueblo Lands shall be governed by the Constitution, ordinances and any applicable laws of the Pueblo, and that the Pueblo Court can exercise its civil authority over nonmembers in this type of action.
- (5) *Change of fees.* In accordance with Article IV, Section 2(f), of the Pueblo Constitution, which authorizes the Pueblo Council to establish assessments, any

recommendations for a change in the schedule of assessments will come from the Mayordomos Association and shall be submitted to the Pueblo Council for legislative review.

- (6) *Disposition of assessments.* All assessments shall be placed into each village's general fund and may be expended or distributed in accordance with the customary practices used or determined by the Mayordomos and village staff officer.
 - (7) *Assessments on nonresident members.* All members who reside off the Reservation and who would otherwise be obligated to participate in, or who could have been called upon to participate in ditch cleaning, community work and village meetings, but for their absence from the Reservation, are subject to the assessment provisions of this chapter, unless they have submitted an appropriate request for release from such activities and the village officials have granted said release.
- D. *Power and authority to approve residence on Pueblo Lands by nonmembers and non-Indians.* In accordance with Article I, Section 3, of the 1984 Constitution of the Pueblo of Laguna, nonmembers including non-Indians, may be permitted to reside upon the lands of the Pueblo if the following procedures are met:
- (1) *Conditions.* The following conditions must be met by said individuals:
 - (a) *Annual presentation.* The nonmember must present him or herself to the village officials of the village in which he or she will be residing and declares the purpose for which he/she is establishing residence, at the time he/she first enters the Pueblo for such purposes. The nonmember will also be required to follow the procedure for annual presentation that is provided for in this chapter.
 - (b) *Written agreement.* The nonmember agrees, in writing, in the presence of the village staff officer and Mayordomos to be governed by the laws, customs and traditions of the Pueblo, and to be liable for assessments as may be imposed by the village Mayordomos.
 - (c) *Cause for removal.* The nonmember acknowledges, in writing, that failure to abide by his or her commitment may be cause for removal from the Pueblo in accordance with the procedures set forth in title XII, chapter 4, Exclusion or removal. If circumstances call for it, the village officials can, with the assistance of the Laguna Police Department, immediately remove a nonmember from the Reservation if the health, welfare and safety of the community is being threatened. Otherwise, the procedures set up for the filing of a petition for removal in section 12-4-4 will need to be followed.
 - (d) *Denial of benefits.* Nonmembers who shall refuse to conform to these requirements shall be denied permission to reside upon the lands of the Pueblo and to derive any benefits.

- (e) *Equal applicability.* Nonmembers residing on Pueblo Lands shall be subject to the same requirements for performance of ditch cleaning, community work and attendance at village meetings as are Pueblo members. Nonmember residents shall be subject to the same assessments as set forth in the "Schedule of assessments" set forth in subsection 2-2-5C.(1) above.
 - (f) *Applicability of chapter to temporary resident.* The provisions of this section shall apply to the following persons:
 - (i) Nonmember employees of any company doing business on the Pueblo which requires its employees to reside at the job site. Residents of company housing sites will be required to observe all appropriate Pueblo and federal laws and policies governing the privilege accorded them to maintain residence on Pueblo Lands.
- E. *Power and authority over land assignments.* The village Mayordomos have the authority to make land assignments in accordance with the customs and traditions of that village and the following provisions shall govern the assignment of lands within a village jurisdiction to eligible Pueblo members.
- (1) *Eligibility requirements.*
 - (a) In accordance with subsection 2-2-6H. herein, only those regularly enrolled Pueblo members age eighteen (18) and over, can make a request for a land assignment.
 - (b) A member must be deemed to be in "good standing" by the Mayordomos before an assignment of land may be made. Those members found not to be in "good standing" will be given a period of two (2) to nine (9) months (at the discretion of the Mayordomos based upon the circumstances of each individual case) within which to "qualify" as a member in "good standing," and at the end of this "qualification period," the Mayordomos will again review that member's request for an assignment. Thereafter, if a member qualifies as a "member in good standing" and the assignment is granted, that member will be required to serve a probationary period, the length of which will be determined by the Mayordomos, but in no circumstances will that period exceed five (5) years. It will be within the discretion of the Mayordomos to waive the requirement of qualifying or serving a probationary period for those individuals found to be in good standing.
 - (2) *Application procedure.* The member shall present his or her request for an assignment of land to the village membership, Mayordomos and staff officer at a village meeting. A request should be made within the first two (2) months of each calendar year, however, the Mayordomos can entertain a request, at their discretion, at any time during the year, and can set a cut-off date for any such requests during any calendar year.
 - (3) *Assignment procedure.* The Mayordomos and staff officer shall declare a time when the assignment will be made.
 - (a) *Notice to and approval by village membership.* Before an assignment can be made, the Mayordomos and staff officer shall report that such a

request for assignment of land has been made to the village membership at the village meeting to ensure that the same parcel of land is not presently under assignment to someone else or is currently being disputed. If there is no dispute or objection about the proposed assignment and upon the approval of the village membership, the assignment shall be made by the Mayordomos of the village. Once the Mayordomos have made a decision on the approval of an assignment, that decision is final.

- (b) *Possibility of reverter.* Assignments not developed or used for the purpose for which assigned, as described under subsection E.(4) below, within a period of three (3) years shall automatically revert back to the village and may be reassigned. Each village member receiving a land assignment will be given written notice of this possibility of reverter and will be made aware that a review will take place at the end of the three-year time period to see if the land has been developed or used for the purpose for which it was assigned. The three-year time limit will start to run from the date that the Mayordomos have approved of such land assignment.
 - (i) *Requests for extension of time.* Any village member who has been granted a land assignment can make a formal written request to the Mayordomos for an extension of time beyond the three-year time limit for the purpose of developing or using the land for which it was assigned. The request must be made prior to the expiration of the three-year time limit in order to be considered. Any extension that is granted will only be for a two-year period beyond the original development period.
 - (ii) *Decisions final.* Once the Mayordomos have reviewed a land assignment situation and have determined that the person to whom the land was assigned did not comply with the requirement for development or use, and they determine that the land has reverted back to the village, that decision is final.
- (c) *Jurisdiction.* In accordance with customs and traditions, the Mayordomos and village staff officer shall have primary control over the assignment and use of lands within recognized village jurisdictional boundaries except as the Pueblo Council may assume jurisdiction over such lands for public purposes and such reassumption will have to be in consultation with the affected village.
- (4) *Types and limits of assignments.* The following types of assignments will be made:
 - (a) *Residential sites.* Residential assignments within a village proper shall be limited to sixty-six (66) feet × sixty-six (66) feet in size. Residential sites located outside the village proper may not initially exceed one hundred (100) feet × one hundred (100) or ten thousand (10,000) square feet in size. Upon completion of a permanent residence, the member may request an addi-

tional amount of land not to exceed five thousand (5,000) square feet. The member will be required to present sufficient justification and proof of his or her need for such additional land to the village Mayordomos.

- (b) *Trailer/mobile home sites.* Trailer and/or mobile home sites may not exceed one hundred (100) feet × one hundred (100) feet in size or ten thousand (10,000) square feet. No additional assignment of land shall be made unless a residence of a permanent nature is constructed in which case the provisions of the preceding subsection shall apply.
 - (c) *Farm land.* Farm land shall be assigned in accordance with procedures to later be prescribed by the Council. Farm land assignments shall not be converted to any residential site or any nonagricultural use.
 - (d) *Use of land assignment as burial site prohibited.* The use of any land assignment as a burial site is strictly prohibited. Burials shall take place in the public graveyards provided for within each village. There will be no exceptions.
- (5) *Assignment recording system.* Pending the development of a formal land assignment recording system, the Mayordomos and village staff officer shall keep accurate written records of all assignments. At a minimum, the records shall contain the following information:
- (a) Name of the assignee;
 - (b) Date of assignment;
 - (c) Dimensions of the assignment;
 - (d) Location of assignment;
 - (e) Conditions of assignment, if any;
 - (f) Signature of assignee, staff officer and Mayordomos; and
 - (g) Witnesses.
- F. *Power and authority to determine if safety and health hazards exist.* If, in the opinion of the Mayordomos and village staff officer, there exists a condition such as an old building, outhouse, or livestock pen in residential areas, etc., which presents a safety and/or health hazard to the village residents, the village officials have the authority to take the following actions:
- (1) *Inspection of suspected, health hazard.* An inspection shall be made by the Mayordomos and village staff officer to determine the nature and extent of the existence of the hazard.
 - (2) *Meeting with owner(s).* Meetings will be held with the owner(s) of that which constitutes the hazard or the assignees of the land upon which the hazard is situated in an effort to determine the method for elimination of the hazard and to establish time limits within which the hazard shall be eliminated, corrected or destroyed.

- (3) *Noncompliance.* Should there be any noncompliance by the owner(s), the Mayordomos and village staff officer may file a criminal complaint in the Pueblo Court against the owner(s) for violation of Chapter 3, Section 20 (31) of the Law and Order Code, for maintaining a public nuisance.

Section 2-2-6. Requirements of members and nonmembers.

All members and those nonmembers that have been allowed to reside within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Pueblo or within the jurisdictional boundaries of one of the recognized villages, shall adhere to the following requirements or be subject to certain assessments or other actions by the village officials:

- A. *Presentation to village officials.* Within three (3) months of January 1st of each year, it shall be mandatory for all members eighteen (18) years and older, including those residing outside the village jurisdictional boundaries, and those nonmembers that have been allowed to reside on Pueblo Lands in accordance with subsection 2-2-5D. above, to present themselves and their families, in a customary manner, to the village officials and pledge their allegiance to the village as well as pledge to fulfill all of their village obligations for the coming year.
- B. *To officials of the village where residence is located.* Those members and residents that reside within the village jurisdictional boundaries of a village other than their village of affiliation, shall present themselves to the Mayordomos and village staff officer of that village and report to them what their intentions are for the coming year. If these individuals have already declared their affiliation with another village, they shall make the village officials aware of this. The village officials will then instruct these individuals of what may be expected of them according to this chapter and according with that village's customs and traditions. If these individuals have not presented themselves to the village officials of their village of residence, they shall be reminded that this needs to be done within the prescribed time period under subsection 2-2-6A., herein. Otherwise, if a decision is not made as to which village they will be affiliated with, then these individuals will be notified that they are now considered members of their village and subject to all duties, obligations and assessments called for herein.
- C. *Withdrawal as a village member.* If an individual makes the decision that he or she wants to be connected with a different village, he or she shall report this decision to the village Mayordomos and staff officer and they shall make a decision as to whether or not that individual and/or his or her family will be released, in accordance with the customs and traditions practiced within that village. The Mayordomos and staff officer of the village where the individual and/or his or her family now wish to be affiliated with will make sure that individual was properly released from his or her original village of affiliation prior to accepting them into their village. This section will apply to nonmembers and other residents as well.
- D. *Participation in community or public work.* All members and nonmembers are required to participate in any community or public work when called upon by the

Mayordomos and village staff officer and as the nature of the work so warrants. Only those persons excused in accordance with the provisions provided for under subsection 2-2-5B. above, will be exempt from such participation.

- (1) *Livestock association members.* All members and any nonmembers that may belong to a livestock association recognized by the Pueblo, are required to participate in any community or public work called by the village officials of their respective villages.
- (2) *Livestock association officials.* In order that there will be no conflicts in scheduling between the livestock associations and village officials for cattle work and community or public work, it will be incumbent upon the livestock association officials and the Mayordomos of each village to meet and discuss the scheduling of such activities.
- (3) *Scheduling of activities.* All schools, charitable organizations, associations, Pueblo programs, and/or other professional organizations, will be discouraged from scheduling any activities during those days scheduled for community or public work and village meetings.

E. *Attendance at village meetings.* It is mandatory for all of the following categories of individuals to attend village meetings or be subject to an assessment by the village Mayordomos.

- (1) All members and nonmembers eighteen (18) or over;
- (2) All high school drop-outs under eighteen (18);
- (3) All other persons under eighteen (18) that are legally married, emancipated, or have otherwise established a self-supporting role; and
- (4) All other persons not otherwise excused.

The following categories of individuals will be encouraged to attend village meetings:

- (1) All members and nonmembers under the age of eighteen (18); and
- (2) Any females, if their village of affiliation requires or allows them to attend village meetings.

F. *Pay all assessments.* Every member and nonmember that is called upon by the Mayordomos and village staff officer to participate in various activities, or who are required to participate according to provisions of this chapter, must pay any and all assessments imposed by the Mayordomos within the prescribed time periods set out in this chapter or be subject to the collection of such assessments as provided for under subsections 2-2-5C.(3) and (4) above.

G. *Notification of village officials of absences.* Every member and nonmember must notify the village officials of any foreseen absences from any community or public work or any village meetings. It will be within the discretion of the village officials to determine if a request for excusal will be granted or denied. If a request is denied, then the appropriate assessment shall be imposed.

- H. *Requests for land assignments.* Only regularly enrolled Pueblo members, eighteen (18) years or older, can make requests to the village Mayordomos for a land assignment. All of the conditions set out in subsection 2-2-5E. above, will apply. Any exceptions to this provision, based on extenuating circumstances, will be brought before the Pueblo Council for final approval.

Section 2-2-7. Members and nonmembers in "good standing".

All members and those nonmembers allowed to reside on Pueblo Lands, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be deemed to be in good standing if they have complied with and have abided by all rules, regulations, ordinances, customs and traditions that regulate their conduct and/or behavior and which may include, but is not limited to the following:

- A. *Members.* Members may be found to be in "good standing" if all of the following have been met:
- (1) Annual presentation before the village officials;
 - (2) Participation in any community, public and ditch work called by the village officials;
 - (3) Submittance of requests for excusal from village meetings or community/public work and such requests are granted;
 - (4) Have paid any and all assessments imposed by the village officials;
 - (5) Have not committed any acts of the nature that would cause any concern to the health, welfare and/or safety of the village membership, or the Pueblo as a whole (e.g., robbery, burglary, murder, manslaughter, disturbance of religious assemblies or traditional ceremonies, interference with Pueblo shrines or religious affairs, etc.);
 - (6) Attendance at all village meetings, unless otherwise excused; and
 - (7) Have satisfied all financial and/or material obligations owed to the village.
- B. *Nonmembers.* Nonmembers may be found to be in "good standing" if all of the following have been met:
- (1) Annual presentation before village officials;
 - (2) Signed written statement indicating he or she is to be governed by the laws, customs and traditions of the Pueblo;
 - (3) Has paid any and all assessments imposed by the village officials;
 - (4) Has participated fully in any and all community, public and ditch work called by the village officials, unless otherwise excused;
 - (5) Have not committed any acts enumerated under section 12-4-3, or any other acts the nature of which would cause any concern to the health, welfare and/or safety of the village membership or the Pueblo as a whole;
 - (6) Attendance at all village meetings, unless otherwise excused; and

- (7) Have satisfied all financial and/or material obligations owed to the village.
- C. *Use of "member in good standing" standard for other purposes.* The "member in good standing" standard as enumerated above, can be used for the purpose of determining whether a Pueblo member is eligible for a "grazing permit" as provided for under section 10-1-1, et seq. The village officials shall be consulted by the department in charge of assigning grazing permits, prior to the issuance of any such permits, to determine if a village member is in "good standing" with his or her village of affiliation. This standard would also be applied uniformly to cover other areas such as the request of a member for certain benefits or entitlements provided by the Pueblo.

Section 2-2-8. Amendment of chapter.

The Mayordomos Association may make any recommended changes to this chapter to the Pueblo Council, and the Pueblo Council can, at a duly called meeting for such purpose, amend this chapter by a majority vote of the Council.

GOVERNMENT

TITLE II HISTORY

Title II, Chapter 2, Mayordomos and Villages, was enacted by Ordinance No. 03-78 on October 2, 1978 and adopted by Resolution No. 01-79 on January 9, 1979, setting the effective date of Ordinance No. 03-78 as January 1, 1979. Ordinance No. 03-78 was repealed by Resolution No. 55-97 adopted on December 18, 1997, adopting Ordinance No. 300-97 enacted on December 16, 1997.

Ordinance No. 03-78 reads as follows: [TEXT OF ORDINANCE]

Resolution No. 01-79 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna Council has reviewed the "Mayordomos' Proposal"; and

WHEREAS, the Council approved said proposal as drafted on October 2, 1978.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the "Mayordomos' Proposal", having been approved by Council, shall become an effective ordinance on the 1st day of January, 1979.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayordomos' Proposal" shall henceforth be known as the "Mayordomos' Ordinance."

Resolution No. 55-97 reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Council recognized the fact that the interests of the Pueblo, in general, and the interests of its members, in particular, and the interests of all persons that either enter upon or are living within the jurisdiction of the Pueblo of Laguna requires an update of the Mayordomos Ordinance in order to accommodate and address the changing needs and situations of each village; and

WHEREAS, the Mayordomos are vested with certain authorities to perform certain customary and traditional duties, and have certain powers and authorities over all residents and non-residents of the Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to set out the jurisdictional powers and duties, limits, and authorities, and the persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Mayordomos of each respective village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Laguna Tribal Council hereby adopts the amended Ordinance and hereby repeals the previously enacted Mayordomos Ordinance.
[TEXT OF ORDINANCE]

